

Mr. K. George : It was because certain people of the locality sent up a protest against that and Government considered it necessary to examine the question.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether it was not after considering all those petitions that Government passed their final orders in 1111?

Mr. K. George : No, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member when this matter is going to be closed?

Mr. K. George : As soon as possible.

Tax on cocoanut trees.

238. * Mr. J. John Kattakayam : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the tree-tax on cocoanut trees here is higher than that obtaining in other places?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : Tree-tax is the same as in Cochin but lower than that in the Tinnevely District.

Herbarium at Pulayanarkotta.

239. * Mr. J. John Kattakayam : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any special reasons for opening a herbarium at Pulayanarkotta ;

(b) whether any experts are of the opinion that it is a suitable place for growing medicinal plants ;

(c) whether the growth of such medicinal plants there is satisfactory ;

(d) whether any complaints have been received against Mr. Sukumaran who was in charge of that herbarium ; and

(e) the reason for such complaints and the decision thereon?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : (a) to (d) Yes.

(e) The report urgently called for from the Principal is awaited and the matter will be disposed of on receipt of the same.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member at whose instance this herbarium was opened at Pulayanarkotta?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : At the instance of Mr. Gopala Pillai, Principal of the Ayurveda College.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether any medicinal herbs are planted there?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is any convenience there for watering the plants?